

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 18, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 75, 1/4/2017

Executive Action: SB 72, SB 80 Do Pass As Amended; SB 89 Do Pass; SB 69 Tabled

00:00:02 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 75. Establish a Montana trade center in Calgary.

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:27 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:25 Steve Wahrlick, owner, Best Western Plus and Clock Tower Inn; member Tourist Advisory Board

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a04\)](#)

00:18:19 Racene Friede, Glacier Country Tourism

00:21:30 Sean Becker, Montana Office of Tourism and Business, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:28:04 Allison Whitmer, Department of Commerce

00:31:04 Don Andrews, Butte International Film Festival, Covellite Film Festival

00:38:02 Christine Schuman, rancher, Sweet Grass County; Film Makers of Montana

00:42:08 Colin Scott, filmmaker, licensed fishing and hunting guide, Whitefish

00:45:51 Jim Tucker, Montana Lodging Association; Jorgenson's Inn and Suites

00:48:12 Brooke Swaney, film producer and director

00:56:35 Jeri Rafter, filmmaker, Potomac, Montana; also speaking for other crew members in Missoula filmmakers

00:59:19 Rachel Gregg, director, Big Sky Documentary Film Festival; Tourism Advisory Council member

01:04:11 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MTLHA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a05\)](#)

01:06:04 Talena Sanders, professor, University of Montana Media Arts

01:08:03 Mary Riitano, representing actors and actresses

01:09:32 John Laney, Miles City Convention and Business Bureau

01:10:11 Alex Wolfe, cinematographer, actor, Time Machine Media

01:12:09 Neil Sheldon, International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees Local #339, Great Falls

01:13:01 Amanda Solomon, International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees Local #339, Great Falls

01:13:38 Troy Bertelson, Screen Actors Guild (SAG); Directors Guild of America; actor

01:15:38 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31; also speaking for Indian caucus

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:50 Sen. Facey
 01:18:51 Mr. Becker, COM
 01:18:59 Sen. Facey
 01:19:39 Ms. Swaney, filmmaker
 01:22:52 Sen. Facey
 01:24:30 Sen. Brown
 01:25:11 Chairman Buttrey
 01:25:33 Sen. Brown
 01:25:45 Chairman Buttrey
 01:28:30 Mr. Becker
 01:28:55 Chairman Buttrey
 01:31:06 Mr. Becker
 01:31:32 Chairman Buttrey
 01:32:16 Mr. Doggett, MTLHA
 01:32:59 Chairman Buttrey
 01:34:17 Mr. Becker

 01:34:30 Chairman Buttrey left the hearing. Vice Chair Facey assumed the role of Chair

 01:34:53 Sen. Connell
 01:35:44 Mr. Becker
 01:36:48 Sen. Connell
 01:37:22 Ms. Friede, Glacier Country Tourism
 01:37:58 Sen. Connell
 01:38:23 Chair Facey
 01:39:03 Mr. Bertelson, SAG
 01:39:45 Chair Facey
 01:39:56 Mr. Scott, filmmaker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:42 Sen. Brown
 01:47:58 Chair Facey

 01:48:24 Recess
 02:19:07 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

02:19:16 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 69 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:19:33 Chairman Buttrey
 02:19:42 Sen. Facey
 02:21:19 Chairman Buttrey
 02:21:44 Sen. Vance

02:21:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance made a substitute motion that **SB 69 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Salomon, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72

02:23:00 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 72 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:23:31 Chairman Buttrey
02:23:34 Sen. Connell
02:23:56 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:24:06 Chairman Buttrey

EXHIBIT(bus13a06)

02:24:21 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 72 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:24:38 Sen. Connell
02:26:44 Chairman Buttrey

02:27:21 Without objection, Sen. D. Brown withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

02:27:37 Chairman Buttrey
EXHIBIT(bus13a07)

02:28:03 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 72 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:28:12 Chairman Buttrey
02:28:17 Sen. Connell
02:29:42 Mr. Walker, LSD
02:31:10 Sen. Facey
02:31:22 Chairman Buttrey

02:31:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:32:17 Chairman Buttrey

02:33:04 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 72 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY**.

Discussion:

02:34:02 Chairman Buttrey
02:34:23 Sen. Connell
02:35:34 Mr. Walker
02:36:17 Sen. Salomon
02:36:22 Sen. Facey

02:36:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Buttrey and Sen. Connell voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:37:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:39:48 Chairman Brown
02:39:53 Sen. Connell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80

02:40:52 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 80 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:41:24 Chairman Buttrey
02:41:28 Mr. Walker
[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a08\)**](#)

02:43:22 Sen. Brown

02:41:50 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 80 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:42:00 Sen. Facey
02:43:49 Sen. Brown
02:44:16 Sen. Facey
02:45:12 Chairman Buttrey

02:45:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:45:51 Chairman Buttrey
[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a09\)**](#)

02:45:56 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 80 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:46:46 Sen. Brown

02:47:21 Sen. Connell
 02:48:07 Chairman Buttrey
 02:48:42 Sen. Connell
 02:49:15 Sen. Facey
 02:50:04 Mr. Walker

02:50:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:51:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 80 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

02:53:11 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 89 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:53:41 Sen. Vance

02:54:17 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 89 BE AMENDED**.
[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a10\)**](#)

Discussion:

02:54:32 Sen. Facey
 02:54:54 Chairman Buttrey

02:55:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye.

02:56:23 Chairman Buttrey

02:56:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:56:55 Chairman Buttrey
 02:56:57 Sen. Facey

Committee Business:

02:57:15 Chairman Buttrey

02:57:42 Sen. Facey
[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a11\)**](#)

02:58:40 Chairman Buttrey
 02:58:42 Sen. Vance
 02:58:45 Mr. Walker
 02:59:12 Chairman Buttrey

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02:59:23 Sen. Vance
02:59:34 Chairman Buttrey
03:00:23 Sen. Vance
03:00:26 Mr. Walker

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus13a12)

Note: Standing Committee Report for SB 72 dated January 18, 2017 was not signed by Chairman Buttrey. Committee will reconsider action on January 19, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:02 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([bus13aad.pdf](#))